

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
March 8, 2013

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on March 8, 2013 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Susan Knorr Rodriguez, and Gayle Mambro-Martin (present on behalf of the General Treasurer).

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Melissa Malone and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the February 8, 2013 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2013.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Ronald Wilson	Motor equipment operator with Eleanor Slater Hospital (Estimated service credits 6 year, 10 months)
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After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of October 10, 2012
Denying Mr. Wilson's application for an accidental disability pension.

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Wilson's application for an ordinary disability.

Madeline Viveiros Community living aide with the Department of Behavioral Health. (Estimated service credits 4 year, 11 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of November 14, 2012
Denying Ms. Viveriros' application for an accidental disability pension.

Paul Venditto Firefighter with the City of Cranston. (Estimated service credits 21 year, 10 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Venditto's application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

David McCalla Laborer equipment operator with the City of Newport. (Estimated service credits 25 years, 11 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. McCalla's application for an ordinary disability pension.

Sina Bieu Teacher with the Providence School Department. (Estimated service credits 19 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Bieu's application for an ordinary disability pension. Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Mambaro-Martin voting Nay.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Stephen Campbell, Sr. Firefighter with the Town of North Providence.
(Estimated service credits 9 years, 7 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mambro-Martin:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Campbell's application for an accidental disability pension.

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Discussion regarding the disability application process and related data. Informational presentation only, no vote taken.

Discussion regarding Provisional Rule 2.35 of the Rules of Practice of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court – Appeals from Determinations of the Retirement Board Pursuant to RIGL §45-21.2-9.

Unanimously voted to recommend to the Retirement Board that the executive director to send correspondence to the Rhode Island Supreme Court if outside counsel deems that the tax status of the retirement plans may be negatively impacted by Court imposed fees.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
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March 29, 2013